

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

September 15, 1999
RPTA Conference Room, 7th Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman
Brian Latte, Chandler
Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Bruce Ward, Maricopa County
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Frisbie, Phoenix
Scott Miller, RPTA
Jim Book, City of Glendale

* Ellis Perl, Surprise
Jim Decker, Tempe
Tim Wolfe, ADOT
* Alan Hansen, FHWA
* David Cowley, AAA Arizona
Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation
Scott Nodes, City of Peoria

* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Neal Manske, Phoenix Transit System
Cynthia Lopez, Maricopa County
Tom Fowler, Kimley-Horn & Associates

Betsy Buxer, Community Forum
Don Dey, TransCore
Sarath Joshua, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2. Approval of August 18, 1999 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the August 18, 1999 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. There was no response from the audience.

4. Program Managers Report

- MAG ITS Rating System: Sarath Joshua informed the committee that the ITS Rating System has been finalized and ready for rating projects this year. Jim Book asked how much information will be available on projects when the committee ranks the projects. He indicated that the one line project descriptions were inadequate for ranking projects. Sarath Joshua

indicated that brief project descriptions will be provided at the time projects are ranked. Committee members were asked to provide a one or two paragraph project description. Mr. Book also asked if the MAG Streets Committee is requiring the use of the electronic form. Gary Thomas replied that after discussing the subject at length the Streets Committee has decided to leave that optional.

- New TIP Project Submissions: Sarath Joshua provided a brief description what information is required for ITS project submissions. Information on proposed projects are due at MAG by Sept 24th. For rating ITS projects additional data are required as identified in the ITS Rating System Report. A new electronic project submission form posted at the MAG website includes a form where specific data on ITS projects may be entered. However, members were requested not to use the electronic form, as some data elements had been left out of the form. Instead members will be provided with a spreadsheet for ITS data submission.

5. ITS Strategic Plan Update

The committee was informed that the project kick-off meeting is scheduled as planned for 10:15 AM following this meeting.

6. Public Comment on Important ITS Issues

Sarath Joshua indicated that this agenda item was included as part of an overall effort by MAG to seek input from the public on regional transportation issues that may be pertinent to individual modal areas. As an introduction to the discussion he provided a quick overview of ITS and its role in the MAG region. A citizen from Glendale expressed an interest in commenting on the Light Rail Project. Steve Hogan informed him that this may not be the best forum to make those comments as this committee focused on ITS. The citizen from Glendale indicated that directions he received regarding this meeting via a MAG pamphlet was not accurate. Neil Manske informed him of an upcoming Transit meeting.

During the public comment period, Don Dey pointed out the potential role of ITS in integration between transit, pedestrian, bicycle modes. He asked what is being done to integrate transit to traffic systems such as signal preemption and how does the bicycles fit into the transit and ITS? Has there been discussion of rail and integration of that mode into the larger system. There was a discussion on the role of ITS in the region. Steve Hogan indicated that this issue needs to be addressed through the Strategic Plan.

Jim Book initiated a discussion on public participation asking if there one place where public can access information on transportation meetings. He indicated that rather than structure meetings to projects we should structure projects to meetings in order to get meaningful input from public. Jim Book indicated that more frequent stakeholder involvement is needed Steve Hogan state d that we should do a better job at getting the word out. Neil Manske stated that there is a lot of competition for public attention. What would be good is a transportation Fest where all the modes, agencies, people would be present he went on to describe the many activities on transportation: Valley Connections, Vision 21 Task Force, Valley Vision 2025. Mr. Manske indicated that public agencies are tapping into a small volunteer base. Volunteer public participants are getting burned out by too

many meetings. Transportation is only a small part of the whole quality of life agenda. He indicated that we need to minimize their participation and ask them only what we need to ask without confusing the public.

Brian Latte asked what is being done on integrating transit and traffic signalization — preemption etc. City of Chandler is looking at this issue. Is that a role for RPTA or should the cities think of future projects. Should they be submitting joint projects? Steve Hogan replied that each city has to look for the solutions. He stated that existing Opticon system has dual applications but only one for emergency vehicles is being used. The second that addresses transit is not been used. Strategic Plan can address this issue of integration

7. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Gary Thomas indicated that he has accepted a teaching position at Iowa State University and will be moving there in November.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 A.M. on October 20, 1999

9. Adjournment

Chairman Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.